

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 20 are now pending in the patent application. The instant Office Action rejected Claims 1 - 3, objected to Claims 4 and 5, and allowed Claims 6-20. In response, Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include the objected to subject matter in Claim 4. Claim 4 was cancelled and the dependency of Claim 5 was changed to Claim 1. No new matter was added.

**Objected Claims**

The Office Action object to Claims 4 and 5 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but they would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim, and any intervening claims, from which they depend.

In response, Applicant's attorney has amended Claim 1 to include all of the limitations of Claim 4. Claim 4 has been cancelled. Also, the dependency of Claim 5 has been amended to depend from amended Claim 1. Therefore, based at least upon these amendments Claims 1 - 3, and 5 - 20 are now in condition for allowance.

**Rejection Under 102 (b)**

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by the Zhang reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,232,755).

The Applicant respectfully disagrees that the '755 reference anticipates the rejected claims. However, in view of the amendments to independent Claim 1 this rejection is now moot.

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully asked to pass this application to issue.

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